

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Elders

Ray Frost
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Deacons

Mike McDougald
Dale Sanders
Steve Sanders
Frankie Sims

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM



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Assembly Assignments for August, 2008

The Lord's Supper

Ray Frost / Sam Sanders / Keith Hermeling / Isaac Sanders

Announcements

Steve Sanders

Building Duties

Mike McDougald

Greeters

Joe Noble
Mike McDougald

Nursing Home Duties

Russ Kilcrease
Robb Sanders

Lord's Supper Preparation

Frances Noble

Scripture Reading

Jace Sanders

Privileged to Serve on August 17th

Morning Prayer

Mike McDougald (opening)
John Frost (closing)

Evening Prayer

Sam Sanders (opening)
Larry Wyrosdick (closing)

Song Leader

Ronald Hilburn

A/V Equipment

Steven Frost

Please notify Mike McDougald if you are unable to serve.
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

"Weakness, or Strength?"

A ten-year-old boy decided to study judo despite the fact that he had lost his left arm in a devastating car accident. He began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was doing well, so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training, the master had taught him only one move.

"Sensei," the boy finally said, "Shouldn't I be learning more moves?"

"This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you'll ever need to know," the sensei replied. Not quite understanding, but believing in his teacher, the boy kept training.

Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged; the boy was now in the finals. This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned that the boy might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened.

"No," the sensei insisted. "Let him continue."

Soon after the match resumed, the opponent made a critical mistake; he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy had won the match and the tournament. He was the champion.

On the way home, the boy and the sensei reviewed every move in the match. Then the boy summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind: "Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?"

"You won for two reasons," the sensei answered. "First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm."

The boy's biggest weakness had become his biggest strength.

"...for when I am weak, then am I strong" – II Corinthians 12:10

-from Glad Tidings/Good Things, Jacksonville, AL

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In Our Prayers

- Jerry Barr – lung problems
- Joe Griffin – general health, improved some
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Richard (Rich) Hodgkinson - cancer
- Dianne Hoffman –bone marrow transplant on 9-12-08
- Larry Hughes - cancer
- Tracy Coggins Holzman – her health; lost twins
- Mildred Frazier - tests
- Cecil Kelley – COPD
- Chris Kyser – a little better, still serious condition
- Maggie Marshall – on ventilator only at night
- Stephanie Martin - cancer
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Teresa Parker – tests
- Cumi Pierce – recovering from hip replacement
- Austin Shows – cancer
- Alice Smith – tests
- Dawn Stephens – back surgery recovery
- John Stephens – recovering from surgery
- Ted Tindal – brain cancer
- Tommy Tomlin – breathing problems

Sympathy is extended to the family of brother Rex Turner Jr.

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Margaret Hall
- Grace Helms
- Allene Mount
- Fanny Nichols
- Charles Phillips
- Edwina Rolling

- Pray for soldiers overseas such as Dickie Sims

- Remember to pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.

MISSION EFFORTS

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Panama Missions

Santiago, Panama church of Christ

Watch "Good News Today" on:

DirecTV – Channel 323 – 7 to 8PM CST

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What Must We Do to be Saved?

The Alien Sinner Must:

1. Learn the truth (John 8:31-32; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24).
3. Repent of his sins (Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10).
4. Confess his faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32).
5. Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20, 21).

The Child of God Must:

1. Study the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:15).
2. Grow spiritually (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).
3. Worship regularly (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:24-31).
4. Live right in this present world (Titus 2:11, 12).
5. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22).

The Erring Child of God Must:

1. Repent and confess sins (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10).
2. Pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; James 5:16).

Announcements

● **A great big thanks** to Frankie and Leah Sims for hosting the congregational fellowship.

● Good luck and a good year to all our **students and teachers beginning a new school year**. Keep all these in your prayers, especially those college students away from home.

● **Brother Andrew Crowe sends an e-mail thanking** the congregation for the living support. He is beginning his second year at Memphis School of Preaching.

● **Strata church of Christ**, August 17, speaker – Jerry Barlow, area-wide singing at 2:30 p.m.

● **Ariton church of Christ – Third Annual Youth Rally**, August 17, 4-6:30 p.m.; brother Kyle Butt leading worship.

● **Shoebboxes for Panama** - There are approximately 100 boxes yet to be picked up. Filled boxes are due back September 1. Shipping is \$5 per box.

● **Ladies Caring and Sharing** meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

● **Copies of sermons** are available on CD. Sign the list indicating the sermon you want.